

## Heroin overdoses pose "Urgent Public Health Crisis" US Attorney General Eric Holder

## **Naloxone**

(Narcan®) is a prescription medicine that can temporarily stop the effect of opioids and help a person start breathing again. It can be given as an injection into a muscle or as an intranasal spray. It is easy and very safe to use.

Drug poisoning (overdose) is the number one cause of injury-related death in the United States, with 43,982 deaths occurring in 2013

In recent years there has been a steady increase in the number of drug-poisoning deaths involving heroin. A recent study using data from 28 states reported that the death rate for heroin overdose doubled from 2010 through 2012

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If someone you know is taking prescription pain medication or using heroin ...would you know what to do if they accidentally overdosed?

## **Serenity House Counseling Overdose Prevention Program Community Education**

Education on Overdose Prevention Strategies, Signs & Symptoms of an Overdose, How to Administer Naloxone, Resources and receive a free Naloxone kit.

## **Education Dates:**

Wednesday 09/23/15 6:30pm—7:30pm Wednesday 12/09/15 6:30pm—7:30pm Wednesday 03/09/16 6:30pm—7:30pm Wednesday 06/08/16 6:30pm—7:30pm

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